

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1041 - SB 1056

March 9, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Wildlife Resources Director and the Director's agents to issue a sport hunting and fishing license to combat veterans, police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians who reside outside of Tennessee who are 50 percent service connected disabled. Requires an annual \$10 fee for license.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$4,671/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- According to the information received from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), in FY12-13 the agency sold 179,128 non-resident hunting and fishing licenses for an average fee of \$37.00 per license.
- According to the information received from TWRA, 1.38 percent of resident hunting and fishing licenses sold in FY12-13 were related to a disabled hunting and fishing license. Utilizing the same percentage, approximately 2,472 (179,128 x 1.38%) non-resident licenses will be issued to disabled persons who reside outside of Tennessee.
- Using data from several sources, FRC estimates that about 7% of the U.S. population is either a firefighter, police officer, or combat veteran (2 firefighters per 1,000 population; 2 police officers per 1,000 population; 66 veterans per 1,000 population).
- Applying that ratio to the calculation above, 173 disabled combat veterans, disabled police officers, disabled firefighters, or disabled EMTs would qualify for a \$10 license under this bill, rather than a \$37 license under current law.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$4,671 [(173 x \$37) – (173 x \$10)].

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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